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INTERVIEW
HAWK

Just when the LOD looked to be going back to the top of the tag team scene in the WWF, one of it's members has decided to take some time off. Hawk is officially gone from the WWF. Six man tag team matches were scheduled around the circuit for the next month or so with The Beverly Brothers & The Genius vs The Legion of Doom & Paul Ellering. Several sources say that those particular matches will just become handicapped tag team matches. But where does that leave the legendary Road Warriors, Legion of Doom tag team. Or where does Paul Ellering and especially Animal, stand now that Hawk has made this decision. To find out everything that has happened and what the future looks like, we decided to get in touch with the person that would know the most about it, Hawk. The following is a very brief interview with Hawk that was conducted by John Clark via telephone on 9/8.

JC: I've been hearing several different stories about your recent departure from the WWF and I was wondering just what the truth to the whole situation is.

HAWK: If you want the right story, don't take it from Vince McMahon, I'll tell you that. I wasn't fired, I quit, on the 31st, two days after SummerSlam. Yeah, I phoned in on mid-afternoon. I called in from England, talked to a secretary and told him that, due to physical wear and mental duress, too much time on the road, basically. I ain't going to do it. I've got no problems to say anything bad about the WWF, all I can say is that I've decided that I'm going to put my career on hold for a while. The reason I got out was because I'm tired of working my butt off. I did this for ten years, 250 matches a year, 350 flights, a different town everyday, those times just make you feel like you've got to slow down, so I'm slowing down.

JC: I was wondering if you quitting had anything to do with the Penthouse article and the WWF leaking out information.

HAWK: Well I wouldn't say that that helped the situation any. Things that are supposed to be confidential should be confidential.

JC: What is Animal's current status with the WWF now that you're gone.

HAWK: Well that would be something that you would have to ask him, I wouldn't know. I mean I've talked to him, but he hasn't said anything about leaving.

JC: Are you going to be working anywhere else when you come back, if you do?

HAWK: I have nothing planned in the immediate future. I wouldn't say necessarily, that the two of us are through together. It was never a personal thing with my partner. It was a business thing that I just had had enough work. I wanted to basically, get a hold, get back on to some normal pattern of life. When you wrestle 250 times a year, take 350 and some flights, it gets a little nauseating after ten years. I'm just a regular guy, with an odd job. I'm just keeping a low profile, we'll see what happens. I wouldn't say it's the end of The Road Warriors.

JC: I guess you originally got started in '83. How did you first ever get into the business?

HAWK: To tell you the truth, I never even watched it. I watched maybe two matches and then I just met Eddie Sharkey (the man who trained Hawk & Animal) and he took us together and that's how it all evolved. I just happened to meet him and heard that he had trained other guys and so I thought that I would give it a shot because I thought it was something I could do. Ole Anderson was the one that put us together, but me and my partner had known each other for a long time.

JC: And you guys were the ones who kind of pioneered the whole idea of face-paint in wrestling.

HAWK: No we didn't know what we were doing. We knew that in this business, you've got to get noticed. So what we did was just try to get ourselves noticed. We figured, let's do something that everybody's not. But now, everybody's doing it.

JC: Why exactly did you leave the NWA?

HAWK: Because we didn't like the way we were being treated. Here they were willing to pay us great money, but the money wasn't worth the garbage you stood up for, so we walked out on a lot of them.

JC: I remember a certain comment that Animal made. He said that the only reason somebody goes to the WWF is to start your career or just before you're ready to retire. Is that the...

HAWK: Well, I wouldn't say that our careers together are ended forever. As long as there's money out there to make and people that want to see it, I imagine either we'll go our own ways or we'll stay together, or whatever happens, it's really totally up in the air. No, I don't see myself totally retiring.

JC: Are you thinking about Japan at all?

HAWK: I'm thinking of a lot of things. I'm thinking, who knows, you might see me on American Gladiators.

JC: Have you been upset at all recently with the Legion of Doom character becoming softer with the Rocco gimmick?

HAWK: Well that wasn't a deciding factor, but given some time, the Rocco might have worked. But I don't think that it made me, personally, any softer.

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PART II WRESTLING FLYER NEWSLETTER INTERVIEW WITH TERRY TAYLOR BY JOHN CLARK

JC: When you first came back to WCW, you were a face and then you became a heel. Was there any reason for that?

TT: Yeah, I felt like I had to be because all these guys like Sting, Steiners, Lex, Simmons, I mean all these guys on contracts were babyfaces, I had to be.

JC: Then you broke away from the York Foundation...

TT: That was all my idea. The breakup of the York Foundation, all that was mine.

JC: After being involved with several different gimmicks, how do you feel about them relating to the business?

TT: John if they develop a character, no matter how stupid, how smart, how silly, or whatever, if it's properly promoted and they let you do some stuff and give you some wind, it'll get over. But if you make a guy into a rooster and then beat him all the time, he's just a silly freaking job guy with a red Mohawk.

JC: What was happening recently when your contract came up?

TT: Well what's so strange is, I mean I don't begrudge Bill because I know he's a businessman and he's gotta do what he's gotta do. I called him once a month for the two years after the UWF folded. For the last two years I've called him about once a month or once every six to eight weeks just to see how he's doing, touch base with him. And he was doing that Omnitrition and he wanted me to sell it and I didn't want to, which you know is no big deal. I appreciate him, he taught me stuff about business and he was always kind of a teacher, one of those hard teachers, not the kind that would ever let you slide. Every time you did something he really let you know about it. I mean he was very hard-nosed and very opinionated.

JC: But he had belief in you, wanting to teach you...

TT: Yeah, if he thought you did something wrong, he'll let you know. So a while ago, my wife said, 'Bill's the new boss,' and I said, well, this is going to be good, at least maybe now I would get a chance to do something. I really thought that he would run with the guys that got him to the damn, go back to the old UWF thing. And when he came in, he barely spoke to me and he acted like we weren't really, you know, I guess, friends. And I said, oh no, something's wrong. Politics is part of it just like everything else. I just said, Bill, I'd like to get a meeting with you when you get a chance, I know you have to straighten all this other stuff out. My contact was up on August 9, so they had to tell me something by July 9. I got something July 8, saying they wanted to discuss my future. Well, nobody would meet with me, I mean nobody would meet with me, so finally, June 23 I had to call the office at 5:30 at night and Magnum finally told me that they didn't renew me. I mean none of them would tell me, I know it's not easy firing guys, but to them it's another decision, to me it was my life. Finally a week later, I talked to Bill and I just asked him, Bill, you never gave me a chance to do anything. I said, you fired me before you ever saw what I could do and if anybody else knew what I could do, it's you. He said, 'The way you've been used on television, you've got to get out of here for a year. To be re-packaged and used would not mean a damn thing. Get out of here for a while and we'll see what happens.' I didn't agree with him, but what am I going to say.

JC: It was printed in a recent edition of The Wrestling Observer Newsletter that you were offered to work $300 a night on an unspecified schedule. Is that true?

TT: That's not true, he never offered me anything, he just let me go. There was never a dollar figure, nothing, he

just said, 'You've got to get out of here for a while.'

JC: The word around the sheets was that he had plans to bring you back in a year or so with a Mr. Wrestling 3 type gimmick, is there any truth to that?

TT: No, but maybe they just got it before I had heard anything about it.

JC: I know loyalty is a big thing in this business, so were you hurt by the way Bill treated you, after how you kept in touch with him and because of how close you were?

TT: Yeah kind of. I just honestly felt like if Bill was going to turn us around, he was going to go with the guys that turned his first company around. That would be Ricky Morton, Robert Gibson, me as a babyface, and a bunch of other guys. I just honestly felt like I never really got a chance, but it's got to be the jobs I did on TV. I did 47 jobs in two years on TV. I mean I can work and I can still do stuff. I told Dusty, I said, Dusty, you're making my job harder. He goes, 'What do you mean, baby.' I said, you beat me so much that the people know I'm going to lose, so I can't get any heat because they know sooner or later they are going to be happy. He said, 'I beat Arn Anderson every night for five years and he still got heat.' Well that's Arn. Arn also was a world tag team champion four times, I mean he got his runs.

JC: Yeah and now it appears as though Eaton & Anderson are going to be let go when their contracts come up.

TT: I certainly hope not, those guys are great talents. But see John, there's nowhere to go anymore. Puerto Rico called me and I'm, I'm scared. Junkyard Dog told me last night that Jerry Jarrett wants to talk to me. If nobody hires me in the next year and I don't get a Japan deal, I'm not going to spend the rest of my life trying to get that past glory. I've had a great run and I've saved my money, so if I have to get a job, I'll do that. I mean twelve years of being a professional wrestler and being in the limelight was great, but if it's time for me to step down, I'll do it. I just honestly in my heart feel like I have more to give to the business, especially when I see the shape the business is in. I'm not saying I'm the greatest talent in the world, but I look around and I see guys with less making more and doing more.

JC: Then do you think the business is unhealthy right now?

TT: It's not a good time to try to be a wrestler right now, unless you're locked in somewhere. I've been very fortunate that now that I'm no longer with WCW that some other people are interested. I'd be scared to death to think, that if I was doing this and then nobody called, it would be really frightening.

JC: When you think about it, do you honestly think that it would have been better to have stayed Terry Taylor the whole way, and not doing the rooster and computer man? I personally feel that being a rooster and doing that other gimmick hurt your reputation and all the work you put into making the name Terry Taylor mean something.

TT: Well you know what's kind of funny. That may be true, but I made more money doing those than I ever made in my life. And this year that I've been beaten so much, and my career has been flushed down the commode, this has been my best year also. So I mean, while I sacrificed my integrity, I still made a good living and provided for my family, so what's the bottom line.

JC: Yeah, it's just when I look at it, gimmicks don't last. Like those gimmicks you had, the rooster and the computer man, they didn't last very long, but Terry Taylor stayed strong for a much longer time.

TT: Yeah, well maybe it would have, it's just, I can't look back and say, well, I screwed up, I should have stayed this and that. Like when McMahon is paying my check and wants me to be the Red Rooster, I had a choice, I'd either say yes I'm going to do it or no I'm not. I mean let's face it, McMahon's been a lot more successful doing that than I've been doing anything. Yeah, I don't, I don't know. It's very easy to look back and say, well, I should have done this and I did that, that's 20/20 hindsight. What I would really like to do is get two or three more good years wrestling, then I won't have to ever work again.

JC: Are you totally glad you got into the wrestling business or would you have wanted to do something else?

TT: I loved it, I wouldn't trade it for anything. I feel like I'm one of the most fortunate guys in the world, to be able to do something that's as cool as wrestling. I've been in it twelve years and I had a great time and a great run. I would just like to have some more. Jimmy Cornette and I are going to work something out, I think. I'm going to go down there as a ba... I've already cut my hair and bleached it back out so Steven Seagal is gone. I considered it the kiss of death cause ever since I did it my career has gone down, down, down.

JC: Well I don't think WCW ever realized how much potential you have as a heel.

TT: Sure they didn't, it's just a personality thing. You're only as good as they're going to let you be.

That's Part II of our interview. In the next issue out on September 26, the final part of this interview will be printed. In Part III he discusses what went wrong with WCW, his opinions about Ric Flair and Hulk Hogan, and openly talks about his future in the wrestling business. Until next issue, thanks for your support.

SUMMERSLAM FROM WEMBLEY STADIUM IN LONDON, ENGLAND
SAT. AUG. 29, 1992

Overall, this card was very similar to WrestleMania 8 as there were two very good/excellent matches and the rest of the card couldn't be described as above average. The building was not sold out, as Mean Gene and other WWF announcers had proclaimed over WWF TV for the last two months. During the PPV, Vince McMahon announced the crowd as being 80,355, which is still very impressive, but the fact that everyone in the WWF kept using the number 83,000 before the show, puts another hole in the WWF's credibility. The WWF never acknowledged that the PPV being shown on 8/31 was taped two days earlier, and probably most normal fans thought it was live. Well, on the WWF's SummerSlam Hot Line beginning on Sat. 8/29 at 6pm, the message gave the results to the entire card. While it is not totally wrong to fool fans into thinking an event is live when it really isn't, why at the last minute ruin it and expose the fact that you had been lying to the fans the whole entire time. It just doesn't make any sense. The following is a report from the actual live event in London on 8/29 and how it relates to what you saw on PPV. The event in London started at 6pm and they actually started taping the PPV at 6:40pm up until 9:45pm, with no intermission. People were not allowed out of their seats while the PPV was being taped, it may sound silly, but the guards of the stadium heavily enforced this rule, obviously to make the PPV look better.

At the start of the show, Howard Finkel went through the normal customary announcements and then introduced several wrestling legends to the crowd. Lord Alfred Hayes, Freddie Blassie, Angelo Poffo, Larry "The Ax" Hennig, and Pat Patterson were all introduced and came out to an ovation. Most of the fans over there didn't know about the whole sex scandal ordeal involving Patterson, so he was cheered just like the rest of the former wrestlers.

The Bushwhackers & Hacksaw Jim Duggan beat The Nasty Boys & The Mountie in 12:35 when Duggan pinned Mountie. This match wasn't shown on the PPV, thank God.

Papa Shango pinned "El Matador" Tito Santana in 6:07 with a reverse shoulderbreaker. This could be described as a squash match and this wasn't shown on the PPV either.

Legion of Doom defeated Money Inc in 15:10 when Animal pinned DiBiase after a powerslam. The match shown on the PPV was only 12:00, therefore they must have edited out part of this match, which was pretty good.

Nailz beat Virgil in 3:51 by submission with his chokehold finisher. Total squash match- doesn't belong on a PPV. Big Bossman wasn't even in the building, which was surprising because most people expected a run-in during this match.

Shawn Michaels wrestled Rick Martel to a double-countout at 8:20. This match could have been so much better, except for the fact that the match wasn't meant to focus on the wrestlers, it was booked to focus on Sherri. These two wrestlers are two of the best of our time, but this is the WWF and they wanted to concentrate on a Sleeping Beauty thing, fighting over Sherri, a gimmick. This match is an example as to how the WWF's gimmicks really do get in the way of actual wrestling. During the match McMahon made the comment, "This isn't the sixth grade, this is the WWF." Thanks for clearing that up Vince because we always thought that they were synonyms. Give Sherri some credit because she took some great bumps, when Martel and Michaels kept dropping her on the aisle back to the dressing room. Pat Patterson, one of the several agents that came out when they were fighting back to the dressing room, took a mean bump when he slipped right near the guardrail when he was trying to break them up.

Next was an interview with The Nasty Boys where they made fun of Sherri, hinting a face turn. They also questioned Jimmy Hart about when they were going to get their title shot and Jimmy panicked and muttered, 'Well, Money Inc.' This interview was a major hint about their expected turn, and about dissension between the Nasties and Money Inc & Jimmy Hart.

Natural Disasters beat The Beverly Brothers in 10:30 when Earthquake squashed Beau Beverly with his running Quake. The entire match was dominated by the Beverlies and there was some heat when the Disasters came back. Not bad.

Crush beat Repo Man in 5:41 with his headCrush. This match was also clipped as it went only 4:03 on the PPV. Crush is now being announced as being from Hawaii instead of Parts Unknown. Crush dominated this match (squash) and pressed Repo several times.

Ultimate Warrior beat Randy Savage by countout in 27:00. On the PPV, throughout the first part of the card, the WWF did a good job of setting up this match. Interviews with Ric Flair and the Bushwhackers, and Lord Al Hayes searching around in the back trying to find out which corner Perfect would be in, all kept the focus of the whole Slam card on this match. Notice that Warrior is now wearing a body-suit just like Macho Man, who starting wearing his when he was getting smaller, presumably when he was getting off the steroids. Randy Savage was excellent in this match, as we saw some of the old Savage that we haven't seen in a while. That move where he would run with Warrior's neck and then drop it over the top rope is the Savage that we haven't seen in a while. The match was very good until Perfect & Flair came down because it took the attention off the match and put it on Perfect & Flair. Fans were chanting 'Warrior, Warrior,' and Savage was booed up until the point where Flair & Perfect attacked both men. Finish came after Flair hit Warrior with a chair when he was coming off the ropes and Savage figuring this out, jumped off the top rope onto the floor, attempting to hit Flair, but Ric got him with a chair on the way down. Savage hurt his knee and was counted

out. After the match, Warrior and Savage "made up" and it looked like the ending you saw to WrestleMania 6 with Hulk and Warrior.

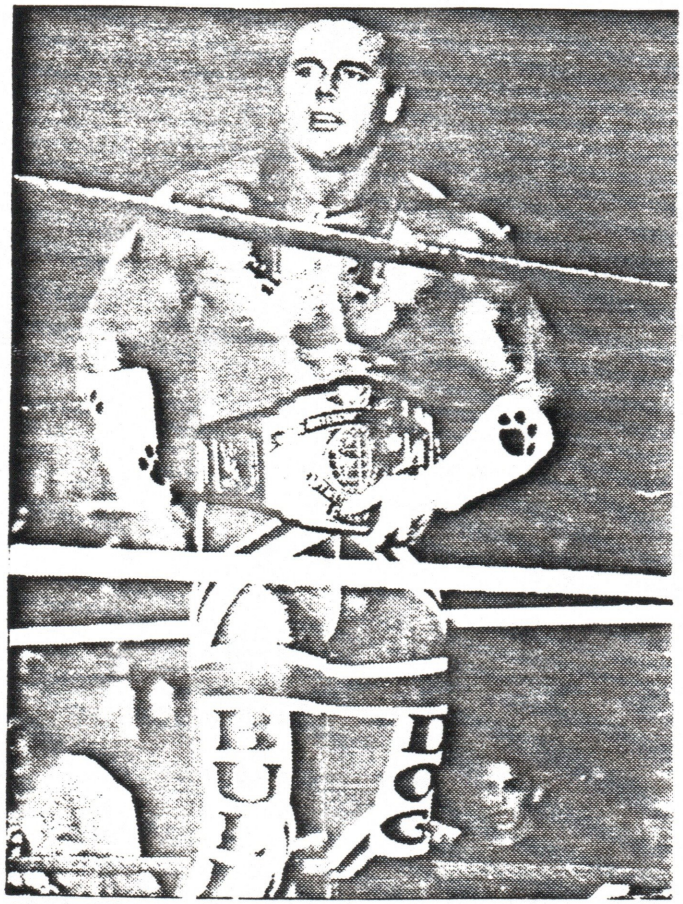
Next was an interview with Ric Flair, where him and Perfect talked about putting plan B in effect, since plan A had failed. Flair stated, "That belt is coming back to me." And he was right, as on 9/1 in Hershey, PA, he won it back.

Undertaker beat Kamala by DQ in 3:30 when Kimchee came in and hit Undertaker just when he was picking up Kamala for the tombstone. Just your basic choking moves here, but when 'taker picked up Kamala by his neck (Kamala did a great job of jumping up) and slammed him down to the mat, the building popped like crazy. After the match, Kamala splashed Undertaker off the top rope and then 'taker sat up, scaring the heck out of Kamala. That look on Kamala's face with the bulging eyes was hilarious.

Tatanka pinned Berzerker in 5:46 with his 'Samoan Drop' finisher. This wasn't shown on the PPV, and this marks the second time Berzerker's advertised match hasn't been shown, the first time being at WrestleMania 8 against Davey Smith.

Roddy Piper joined other fellow "bagpipers" in performing "Scotland the Brave," adding a little international flavor to the event. Most people agree that Roddy looks great.

British Bulldog pinned Bret Hart in 25:40 to capture the



WWF Intercontinental Championship in an excellent match. Davey Boy has lost a lot of weight and in the ring looked like he did when he was teaming with Dynamite Kid as the British Bulldogs, he even did a superplex off the top rope. Both were very, very impressive and worked well together. A great way to end the PPV for the fans over in England. Diana Hart-Smith (Davey's wife and Bret's sister), Bret, and Davey all hugged and cried together after the match.

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WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

They taped Superstars at the taping in Hershey, PA, on 9/1 before a 3/4 filled house of about 5,000. Ric Flair won the WWF Championship for the second time as he defeated Randy Savage with the help of Razor Ramon. There is a very odd twist to this match, though. When they first came out, they wrestled for about twelve minutes before Bobby Heenan came out. Vince McMahon and several other agents who had been watching the match from the back thought that it was too bad of a match to change the belt in. So Vince sent out Heenan to tell Earl Hebner, the referee for that match, that Vince didn't like the match and for him to stop it. Heenan was also supposed to have Hebner tell Howard Finkel to announce that he didn't have control of the match and that it would have to continue when he got control. Finkel announced to the crowd that since Heenan refused to leave the ringside area, that the match would have to continue when the referee was able to gain control. So they broke Savage and Flair up and sent them back to the dressing room to speak to Vince. McMahon spoke to them, telling them that they needed to work a better match. Three matches later, Savage and Flair came out once again and re-started the match without a bell being rung. They wrestled for about 18 minutes and then Razor Ramon came out and watched the match. At one point when Savage was on the floor, Razor kicked him in the back of his injured knee and then threw him into the ring, where a minute later, Flair got Savage in the figure-four leglock. After about 3-5 minutes in that hold, Savage was just about out of it and the ref counted Savage's shoulders down, 1-2-3. It was over, Flair regained the belt. Savage was left laying in the ring, helpless. After Flair & Perfect left the ring, Razor returned to beat on Savage's already destroyed knee. Ramon was finally taken back to the dressing room after viciously beating on Randy Savage, who was helped back to the dressing room by The Ultimate Warrior. Later that night, Savage came out for a live interview and told the audience that there was only one man he could trust, The Ultimate Warrior, who came out to join him. They exchanged kind words and Savage thanked the Warrior for the very special Ultimate knee-pad that he had given him as a gift to heel his knee. In return, Macho Man gave Warrior a pair of Macho Maniacs sunglasses and Warrior tried them on to a standing ovation. Savage wished Warrior luck in his upcoming matches against WWF Champ Ric Flair and had a few strong words directed at Razor.

Ric Flair after winning the WWF Championship on 9/1

Also that night in Hershey, Mean Gene Okerlund conducted several other live interviews. In the first one, Randy Savage was his guest. During the interview, Razor Ramon came out and insulted Savage and then arrogantly flicked his toothpick into the face of the Macho Man. Savage then punched Ramon, sending him off the platform. Ramon was then taken back to the dressing room by WWF officials. The next interview was with Ric Flair, shortly after he had won the belt from Savage. He talked about the fact that he would take on all-comers and is not afraid to defend the belt against the Ultimate Warrior. In another interview, Razor Ramon claimed that he was the only Macho Man in the WWF and that he would get Savage back for what he did in that earlier interview.

It was reported here a while back that Konan wrestled on the 7/20 TV taping in Worcester, MA, as Electrico (sorry, we got the name wrong, it was Relampago) in a big rubber suit that was able to shoot sparks out of the armbands and everything. Well, Vince McMahon decided he didn't want to bring in Konan again as his future working relationship with Konan's group in Mexico fell apart. So Vince had an expensive costume that he paid for going to waste. He has decided to put it to use as he will use it with a character that is named either the Comet Kid, Cosmic Kid, or Atomic Kid. Vince is getting rid of the Kato character and now Paul Diamond will wrestle under a mask as the Comet Kid. In the afternoon of the tapings held on 9/1 in the Hershey Park Arena, Vince got in the ring and showed Paul what he wanted him to do and went over some of the moves that Paul would have to do. Then Paul and Barry Horowitz practiced their match that was going to be taped that evening. Paul did some spectacular moves as the Comet Kid, showing just how much ability of his is being hidden while he's working for the WWF.

Wrestling Challenge TV tapings were held the next night in Landover, MD. Mean Gene conducted several live interviews that night. The first one was with Shawn Michaels and the Sensational Sherri. Mean Gene talked about the scam Sherri was involved in at Slam and how it backfired on her. Shawn then challenged the new IC Champ, the British Bulldog. After that interview, they showed the Heavyweight title change that took place the night before in Hershey. They showed it on the new big screen that they now have at all TV tapings. The next interview was with Ric Flair, who told the crowd, "You know what London's talking about now." Then he mentioned that all the major cities were talking about him winning the belt. The last city he mentioned was Atlanta (a shot at WCW), and stressed that word. Mean Gene then interviewed the British Bulldog, the new IC Champion. Davey Boy talked about how much he loved his wife Diana, his brother Bret, and his fans. He also talked about the challenge of Shawn Michaels and that he's up for it.

Owen Hart of the High Energy tag team with KoKo B. Ware, blew his knee out in their match with the Nasty Boys in Dallas, TX, on 8/20. Owen is now in a cast that covers most of his leg and will be out of action for a while longer.

Bruce Prichard, who worked for the WWF before as an announcer, an office person, and then played the role of Brother Love, now appears to be back with the organization. He appeared at the Hershey tapings on 9/1 in a WWF suit. He has lost a lot of weight (most likely due to the boating accident he was in) and now has a "Steve Austin type" haircut. He was fired by the WWF in early 1991 as he didn't want to do the Brother Love character anymore. He then worked for Global as a manager until he left there. His position in Titan now that he has returned in unknown to us right now.

It has been reported that Berzerker John Nord has left the WWF, with his last show being SummerSlam in London. His contract was close to being up anyway and Vince wasn't going to renew it. It is also rumored that Skinner Steve Keirn is also on his way out.

Pat Patterson appeared several times at both the Hershey tapings and the Landover tapings. In Hershey, he even came out to ringside to assist other agents with getting Razor Ramon back to the dressing room after he attacked Savage. This means that it is now public knowledge that he is back.

WWF Superstars TV taping at the Hershey Park Arena in Hershey, PA, on 9/1 before about 5,000 fans. The following stars wrestled unknown jobbers: The Headhunters (Samu & Fatu), Rick Martel, Shawn Michaels, Kamala, Big Bossman, Nasty Boys, Crush, Nailz, Undertaker, Repo Man. Results: Big Bossman beat Nailz by DQ. Kokina (will later be called The Wildman) pinned Johnny Rebel after the 400 pd.+ Kokina splashed him. Skinner beat Joey Maggs. Bret Hart beat Glen Ruth by submission. Tatanka beat the Mountie by DQ when he used the shockstick. Nailz beat Kerry Davis. Jim Powers beat Bob Bradley. British Bulldog beat Barry Hardy. Papa Shango beat Dave Reckner. Ric Flair pinned Randy Savage to regain the WWF Championship. The (Comet, Cosmic, or Atomic) Kid pinned Barry Horowitz. Bret Hart wrestled Papa Shango to a double-countout. Rick Martel battled Big Bossman to a double-DQ as both brought in their respective weapons, the nightstick and the Arrogance spray can. Razor Ramon pinned Joey Maggs. Natural Disasters beat Barry Horowitz & Bob Bradley. The Undertaker and Razor Ramon wrestled to a double-countout. Ultimate Warrior pinned Kamala.

WWF Wrestling Challenge TV tapings at the Capital Centre in Landover, MD, on 9/2 before about 7,500 fans: The Big Bossman beat Nailz by DQ. Headhunters beat Jim Powers & Virgil when Fatu pinned Powers after a big splash off the top rope. Razor Ramon beat Glen Ruth. Bret Hart beat Barry Hardy with the sharpshooter. Repo Man beat Kerry Davis by submission. Rick Martel beat Jim Powers with a boston crab. Nasty Boys beat 2 jobbers. Virgil beat Dwayne Gill by submission. Crush beat Barry Horowitz with the headCrush. Papa Shango beat a jobber. Shawn Michaels pinned Joey Maggs. (Comet, Cosmic, or Atomic) Kid beat Skinner. Tatanka pinned Brooklyn Brawler. Money Inc beat Tito Santana & Virgil. Bret Hart pinned Repo Man. Natural Disasters beat Gus the Greek & Nick Danger. Mountie beat Joey Sledge. Nailz and Tony DeVito was a no-contest as Nailz insulted Bossman over the house mic, resulting in a Bossman run-in. (Comet, Cosmic, or Atomic) Kid beat Dwayne Gill. Undertaker pinned Glen Ruth. Jim Powers beat L.A. Gore. Big Bossman beat Bob Bradley. Tito Santana beat Kamala by countout as Kamala ran out of the ring and through the crowd to the dressing room after Paul Bearer wheeled his coffin down the aisle. Davey Boy Smith beat Papa Shango by DQ when the voodoo man took his skull which spit out fire in Bulldog's face. Tatanka battled Shawn Michaels to a double-countout. Razor Ramon beat Bret Hart (subbing for Savage, who was ordered by doctors not to wrestle) when Savage ran in and attacked Razor, but Ramon gained the advantage and gave Savage another beating. Money Inc beat 2 jobbers. Undertaker beat WWF Champ Ric Flair by DQ when Mr. Perfect interfered and nailed 'taker with a chair, but after the match, Undertaker tombstoned Flair. Ultimate Warrior pinned Kamala.

WWF with an outdoor show at the Fairgrounds in Allentown, PA, on 9/3: Jim Powers beat Bob Bradley. Crush beat Brawler by submission. Tatanka pinned Repo Man. WWF IC Champ Davey Boy Smith pinned Rick Martel. Big Bossman beat Nailz by DQ. Ultimate Warrior pinned Kamala. In the best match of the night, The Nasty Boys beat Money Inc after IRS (in the beginning of this match, IRS and DiBiase had their faces slammed together, but IRS couldn't get his hands up in time to block it, so he got nailed and his eye was swollen and his nose and lips were bleeding) was pinned, and throughout the match Jimmy Hart acted like he was in a neutral corner.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

The Clash of the Champions XX, seen live from Center Stage in Atlanta, GA, on 9/2 was one of best produced cards of the year. The whole atmosphere of the event and the legends there provided a special setting. It was funny to see Missy "The Mark" Hyatt jump up and down over the entrances of the stars into the building. The carpet from the street to the arena entrance and all the tuxedos made it seem like a very important night, which it was. Ron Simmons was introduced with his wife, which made the champion seem real, a good quality for a champion to have. Hank Aaron was a special guest that added a bit of credibility to the whole affair. Andre the Giant, Bruno Sammartino, and other wrestling legends attending the event gave the show everything else it needed to be successful. Sammartino, former WWF Champ, made these comments, "Thank God for the WCW because with what I've been experiencing the past ten years with that other league, it's been a total embarrassment." He really put it to the WWF with that statement, which he made with a lot of emotion. This show had it all, and the wrestling was good, too. In the opening bout, Ricky Steamboat pinned Steve Austin to capture the WCW TV Title in a match where Paul E. Dangerously was suspended above the ring in a small cage and there were no disqualifications. It was a good match, but it didn't stress the special no DQ ruling. In the next match, Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton beat Dick Slater & Valentine in a so-so match. Next was the announcement from Bill Watts where he stated that the Light Heavyweight Championship was being held up because Brad Armstrong was unable to defend it due to his knee injury. Brian Pillman came out to insult Armstrong, calling him a coward and slapping him. This is the beginning of a heel turn, which Brian didn't know he was going to be doing until he got to the arena that night. He was upset about that because he said that he didn't have enough time to get ready for the heel interview that he knew would be hard to do anyway. Ron Simmons pinned Cactus Jack. The arrival of Butch Reed to the WCW was surprising to this editor as he and Barbarian beat Dustin Rhodes & Barry Windham when Barbarian pinned Barry after the big boot. In the final match, the 8 man elimination tag team match, Jake Roberts & Rick Rude won as Jake DDT'ed Sting and pinned him.

WCW at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum in Knoxville, TN, on 8/28: Van Hammer, Johnny B. Badd, & Tom Zenk beat Scotty Flamingo, Super Invader, & Cactus Jack when Badd pinned Invader. Junkyard Dog beat Diamond Dallas Page. Eric Watts (the son of Bill Watts) beat Buddy Lee Parker. Barbarian

pinned Brian Pillman. Dustin Rhodes & Barry Windham beat Dick Slater & Greg Valentine after Dustin pinned Valentine. The Steiners beat Bobby Eaton & Arn Anderson when Rick Steiner pinned Arn Anderson. Sting beat Jake Roberts by DQ after Jake brought a chair in the ring, attempting to DDT Sting on it. Rick Rude pinned Nikita Koloff. Ron Simmons pinned Big Van Vader.

WCW at the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, MO, on 8/29: Dick Slater pinned Tom Zenk. Eric Watts pinned Buddy Lee Parker. Junkyard Dog pinned Vinnie Vegas. Steve Austin pinned Ricky Steamboat. Barbarian pinned Brian Pillman. The Steiners beat Eaton & Anderson when Rick pinned Eaton. Dustin Rhodes beat Greg Valentine. Sting & Nikita Koloff beat Rick Rude & Jake Roberts after Koloff pinned Rude. Johnny B. Badd pinned Scotty Flamingo. Ron Simmons pinned Big Van Vader.

WCW in Manhattan, KS, on 8/30: Barbarian beat Tom Zenk. Arn Anderson and Dustin Rhodes wrestled a time limit draw. The Steiners beat Dick Slater & Greg Valentine when Rick pinned "The Hammer." Junkyard Dog pinned Diamond Dallas Page. Bobby Eaton, Cactus Jack, & Scotty Flamingo beat Van Hammer, Brian Pillman, & Johnny B. Badd when Cactus Jack pinned Van Hammer.

THE INDEPENDENT SCENE

Dennis Coralluzzo held two big cards on 8/29 and 8/30 with two big crowds. The first night in Clementon, NJ, drew 500 people as A.C. Golden beat Ed the Razor. Nick Danger pinned Mr. T. Bobby Simms beat the Pharoh because the referee stopped the match as the Pharoh was bleeding. The Lords of Darkness beat The Lone Strangers. Chris Candito beat Jimmy Shoulders. The Greek Terror beat CoCo Nut. The Spider pinned WWA Champ Boy Gone Bad to win the belt. Bob Orton beat Chris "The Edge" Evans. The next night was the big Rumble III card, an outdoor show in Williamstown, NJ, that drew a great crowd of about 1,600. Greek Terror beat Metal Maniac. Chris Candito beat Bobby Simms by DQ. Chris Evans beat CoCo Nut. The Pharoh pinned Nick Danger. New WWA Champion Spider pinned Abdullah Singh. Lords of Darkness beat South American Cartel to win the WWA Tag Team belts. Bud Luscious pinned The Lightning Kid -dominated the whole match with his awesome ring work. Bob Orton pinned Boy Gone Bad. Eddie Gilbert battled Jerry Lawler in the ring, the bleachers, and over the field, in a bloody brawl that ended in a double-countout or double-DQ. Incredible match. WWA returns to the Clementon Coliseum in Clementon, NJ, on 9/26 with Scotty Flamingo vs Chris Candito -broke Scotty's shoulder about a year ago in what was a shoot. Also a return WWA title match with Spider vs Boy Gone Bad. If BGB wins, he gets the belt and Spider must take his mask off and loses his hair. If the Spider retains his title, BGB's manager Amy Lee will lose her hair....Another fine job by John Arezzi with his annual Weekend of Champions Convention on 8/29 and 8/30 with over 800 fans attending. Eddie Gilbert did a great job of hosting the auction and Bruno Sammartino and Larry Zbyszko shook hands! John Arezzi's short-lived deal with the Sports and Entertainment Network has ended and he will no longer host the Wrestling Insiders Radio Show. He will only do The Pro Wrestling Spotlight Radio Show on WEVD in New York on Saturdays from 11pm to 12am. The word out is that the people from that network are very hard to deal with....

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